

Good morning, FCC

Once again we see an example of the failure of the FCC to actually prevent the destruction of democracy by permitting rampant consolidation of the public airwaves into the hands of a biased group whose interests conflict with the interest of a democratic society. John Dewey urged us to use communication to share the truth and build community. With Sinclair, we see the opposite; we see the use of communication, in fact the use of our airwaves, to spread disunity and lies.

Please try to keep in mind that we, the public, are the owners of the airwaves, not corporations and that you, the FCC, should be ensuring that what appears in our airwaves is not only decent (yes, the breast), but also truthful.

Too frequently it has not been and, quite frankly, I am tired of it. I don't want to be forced entirely off the airwaves, but by allowing companies like Sinclair, which is obligated by law to serve the public interest, to broadcast lies without any censure you destroy what we own.

The FCC needs to realize it is working for the public, not corporations. When large companies control the airwaves, we lose democracy, particularly less community democracy.

Sinclair's actions show why we need the FCC to strengthen media ownership rules to prevent the type of corporate misuse that has become all too common, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard.

They also show, once again, the failure of the FCC to actually do its duty to regulate the airwaves.

Thank you.